**LILIACEAE**

*Smilacina racemosa* (L.) Desf.

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false Solomon's seal

**FORM:** Strongly rhizomatous, deciduous perennial, 3-9dm (1-3ft) tall.

**STEM:** Erect, green, leafy flower stem unbranched, stilly arched, ascending, with spreading hairs in the inflorescence.

**LEAVES:** Alternate, parallel-veined, simple, entire, sessile, finely hairy, lanceolate to elliptic, acuminate, 7-20cm (3-8in) long.

**FLOWERS:** Numerous, small, white flowers, 4-7mm long, in a freely branching, terminal panicle, 5-12cm (2-5in) long; April-July.

**FRUIT:** Globose berry, 5-7mm in diameter; immature fruit mottled green and brown, becoming all red.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** Liliaceae Conspectus, p.129.

**NOTES:** Edible but with strong laxative properties.